

16 July 2015

Michael Nelson
Chairman of the Montague Selectboard
1 Avenue A
Montague, Massachusetts
01376

Richard Widmer
5 Church Street
Millers Falls, Massachusetts
01349

Dear Chairman Nelson,

Please accept this landowner petition to redistrict Assessors Map 29, Lot 122 in Millers Falls from Public-Semi Public to Neighborhood Business under the Montague Zoning Bylaws. I am the owner of the 5-7 Church Street property.

As you can see in the attached map, the 0.7 acre parcel (a former church and rectory) is completely surrounded by the Neighborhood Business District Zone. The current zoning is very restrictive toward adaptive reuse, as cemeteries, churches, and schools are the only allowed uses. I intend to create an artists' residency project, community gathering space and cultural activity center in the former church building – *the Millers Falls Arts Bridge* (www.millersfallsartsbridge.org). I would like my lot to conform to the neighborhood's zoning.

Sincerely,

Richard Widmer